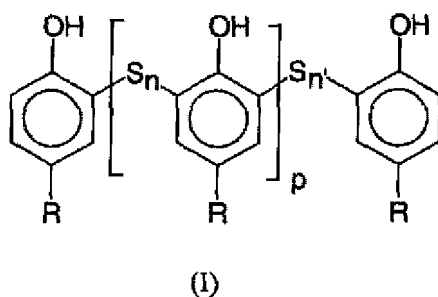


Amendment to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace the prior version in the application.

1. (currently amended) A sulfur-donor vulcanizing agent ~~comprising~~ consisting of the combination of:

- 10 to 90% by weight of a product (I) consisting of a mixture of poly(alkylphenol) polysulfides of formula:



in which:

- R is a tertio-butyl radical or tertio-pentyl radical, the average value of n and n' is approximately 2, and the average value of p is approximately 5, and

from 10 to 90% by weight of a unsubstituted urea.

2-7. (canceled)

8. (previously presented) A method for vulcanizing a vulcanizable elastomeric composition of the

EPDM type presenting no risk relative to formation of nitrosamines, comprising the incorporation of an effective quantity of the vulcanizing agent as claimed in claim 1 in the vulcanizable elastomeric composition.

9. (previously presented) The vulcanization method as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that the elastomeric composition incorporates as an elastomer one or more terpolymers of ethylene, propylene and ethylidene norbornene.

10. (previously presented) The vulcanization method as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that the effective quantity of vulcanizing agent is between 0.4 and 6 parts by weight, per 100 parts by weight of elastomer.

11. (previously presented) The vulcanization method as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that the effective quantity of vulcanizing agent is between 0.8 and 3 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of elastomer.